Improvement of AIR Traffic Network in Andhra Pradesh

*40. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sought Central aid for development of 5 airstrips; and

(b) if so, the action taken to improve the air traffic network in the State to provide links to neighbouring States?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) During a meeting held on 6.7.1998 between Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh and Minister (CA) it was agreed that the possibility of handing over of smaller airports which are not operational at present, to State Government/Municipal Corporations or other autonomous bodies of the State Government may be explored. Airports Authority of India had suggested that the airports at Cuddapah, Donakunda, Warrangal, Rajamundary could be handed over to the State Government for development and operations. However, no formal proposal has been received from the State Government for taking over these airports.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Absenteism of Class IV Staff of Indian Airlines, Mumbai

87. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 40 Class IV staffers of Indian Airlines, Mumbai are regular absentees and the Indian Airlines management has done nothing in the matter; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to make them regular and punctual?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.